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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM
ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

1. IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL BY NEW U.S. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, FRANCISCO AQUINO, MADE SOME COMMENTS ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WHICH MAY BE OF MODERATE INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONSULTATION WITH OTHER FAO AND UN OFFICIALS.

2. AQUINO COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON SENATOR MCGOVERN'S ADVOCACY OF STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, FOOD RESERVES, ETC., IN HIS AUGUST 19 ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES, BUT CRITICIZED OMISSION OF NEED TO PROVIDE FOOD IN INTERIM. HE ASKED ABOUT FOOD POLICY PROPOSAL MCGOVERN SAID HE HAD SUBMITTED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND WE TOLD HIM WE WERE NOT INFORMED ABOUT SUCH A DETAILED PROPOSAL.

3. AQUINO DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH CHAPTER 20 OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL MAREI'S PUBLICATION ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (E/CONF/65/4), CON-

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CERNING POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW UN FOOD ORGANIZATION OVER-

LAYING FAO. QAUINO POINTED OUT THAT FORMULA FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND WOULD IMPOSE YEARLY COMMITMENT ON SOME SMALL STATES THAT WOULD EXCEED THEIR TOTAL BUDGET. IMPLICIT IN HIS COMMENTS WAS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED NEW ORGANIZATION, BUT HE DID NOT EXPRESS OPPOSITION EXPLICITLY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE SAID FAO-DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA HAS NOT EXPRESSED HIS POSITION ON PROPOSED NEW ORGANIZATION TO HIS IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES.

4. AQUINO HAD RETURNED TO MAURITIUS AND PANAMA REGIONAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 27, AND WILL DEPART AGAIN AUGUST 30 FOR AMMAN. VOLPE

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